## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING RAYMOND MILLER, MANAGER OF THE BALTIMORE ORIOLES

## HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 1998

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man whose love for baseball inspires us all. "Rapid" Raymond Miller, the 13th manager of the Baltimore Orioles, has just completed his first full season managing. Mr. Miller is a man whose talent and great love of baseball span more than 30 years.

Throughout his entire career Mr. Miller has had many accomplishments. A minor league baseball pitcher for ten years, 18 years as a major league pitching coach and manager of the Minnesota Twins are all experiences that have qualified him to lead the Baltimore Orioles. His career has taken him from his beginnings with a minor league team in San Francisco to coaching a team that won the World Series.

Most of Mr. Miller's career has been spent as a pitching coach in which he has demonstrated tremendous success. Under his direction, not only did three players receive the Cy Young Award, but he also coached seven different 20-game winners. As the 1998 season came to a close, Mr. Miller demonstrated the same enthusiasm and promise as manager of the Baltimore Orioles that he has shown throughout his career.

Mr. Miller has made baseball fans from Ohio's 18th Congressional district very proud. With all of Mr. Miller's continued success, he has never forgotten the area from where he came. He and his wife continue to reside in New Athens, Ohio.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in congratulating and wishing continued future success to a man I am proud to call my constituent, Mr. Raymond Miller.

RECOGNITION OF THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

## HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 1998

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., Department of California.

The Jewish War Veterans of the USA, was organized in 1896 by veterans of the Civil War. They proudly hold the title of the oldest active national veterans' service organization in America. The Jewish War Veterans focus their attention on promoting veterans legislation, sponsoring projects on Jewish communal

concerns, support of Israel, advocacy for Soviet Jewry, and combating anti-Semitism.

The courageous men and women of the Department of California chapter will be celebrating their 60th Anniversary on November 15, 1998. As a former member of the U.S. Navy, I respect the role they have played in protecting our country and our constitution. They have given us a shining example in courage with their participation in the military during World War II. These soldiers served in the Armed Forces beyond their numerical proportion to the general population and received more than 52,000 awards, including the coveted Congressional Medal of Honor.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank these Americans for their dedication and commitment to our nation. Their selfless acts of patriotism have helped spread the hope of freedom all over the world.

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVER-SARY OF THE LONG BEACH AIR-PORT

## HON. STEPHEN HORN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 1998

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, On November 26, 1923, a famed aviator and well-known community leader in Long Beach piloted his airplane to the very first landing at the brand-new Long Beach Airport. Today, I want to note not only that landing by Earl S. Daugherty but the fact that it launched the outstanding history of the Long Beach Airport. This year marks the airport's 75th year of service to Long Beach, southern California and the nation.

Earl Daugherty gained fame at the beginning of this century not only as an aviator but as a builder of aircraft, helping to lay the groundwork for southern California's vital aerospace industry. He also was the driving force behind the creation of the new airport for his hometown of Long Beach, where the only landing strip was the huge crescent-shaped beach. In 1923, the Long Beach City Council set aside 150 acres near the intersection of Spring and Cherry Streets to become Long Beach's airport.

Appropriately named Daugherty Field, the airport quickly proved an immediate success and the business of aviation began to flourish in Long Beach. Conditions at the airport were deemed perfect in the aviation community, making the facility known as one of the better year-round airports on the West Coast.

Within five years the airport had grown to 380 acres, with 16 large commercial hangars capable of accommodating more than 75 planes. By this point, several aircraft manufacturing businesses were established at the airport as well. During this time of growth the airport also saw the arrival of the United States Army and Navy at hangars and administrative offices provided by the city.

Two runways were added to the expanding airport in the mid 30's and soon the Civil Aeronautics Authority (known today as the Federal Aviation Administration) began operating a new air traffic control tower. In 1941, the current terminal building was added. The terminal building was designated a City of Long Beach Cultural Heritage Landmark in 1990. While the terminal has expanded over the years, excellent planning has retained its distinguishing architectural characteristics. In 1991, in honor of the building's 50th anniversary, the Long Beach Airport Historical Aviation Exhibit was opened. This important exhibit allows travelers to learn first hand the significance of air travel to the City of Long Beach.

Throughout the Second World War the field was focused on the war effort, expanding to 500 acres as many famous military units, including Captain Eddie Rickenbacher's 94th Pursuit Squadron, passed through on their way to Europe or the Pacific. Many longtime residents of Long Beach remember that the airport also served as home to the Air Transport Command's Ferrying Division, which included a quadron of 18 women pilots commanded by Barbara London, a preeminent Long Beach aviatrix, who still maintains business at the airport.

As the City of Long Beach continued to grow, so too did its airport. Today, the airport has grown to 1,166 acres with five runways. It has remained a key part of the aerospace industry ever since it attracted the attention of Donald Wills, who brought the McDonnell Douglas Corporation to Long Beach. Now part of the Boeing Corporation, plants at the airport turn out both commercial aircraft, such as the new 717, and the C–17 military transport and employ more than 20,000 workers. That makes Boeing the largest employer in Long Beach.

The Long Beach Airport is well situated between the major business and tourism areas of both Orange and Los Angeles Counties. Currently, there are more than 200 businesses located on airport property. As a leader in the aviation field, Long Beach boasts not only Boeing, but also Cessna Citation and Gulfstream Aerospace aircraft service centers.

The City of Long Beach owns and operates the airport today. The airport generously contributes time and resources to the Long Beach community through its sponsorship of schools and a volunteer tour program which brings in more than 3,000 children annually.

I congratulate the City of Long Beach on the continued success of the airport. The proud history of the Long Beach Airport demonstrates the foresight of Earl Daugherty and all of those who advanced the airport to its current respected status. I also commend the men and women who work on a daily basis to insure that the Long Beach Airport continues to offer the highest level of aviation safety and service that has become synonymous with this fine airport. I wish a happy 75th anniversary to the Long Beach Airport.

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